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NEWS

365 Days of Chemistry

January 1 has already come and gone.

Have you stopped writing “2013” instead of “2014” yet? Got your new calendar up? What type of calendar pictures did you choose? Are you a kitten or puppy type? Would you prefer one with your favorite cartoon character? Gorgeous sunsets and beach scenery? What about another choice—*chemistry*?

This school year, **ACS ChemClubs** received a specially designed calendar to display in the classroom. Each month's page showcases a topic and its chemistry, often with a photo of ChemClub members in action. February's page, with its connection to Valentine's Day, offers sweet treats, explaining why eating chocolate can make us feel happy, along with a photo of ChemClub members making candy. A couple of months later, you will find a page on toys with a recipe to make your own slime and learn about how it forms.



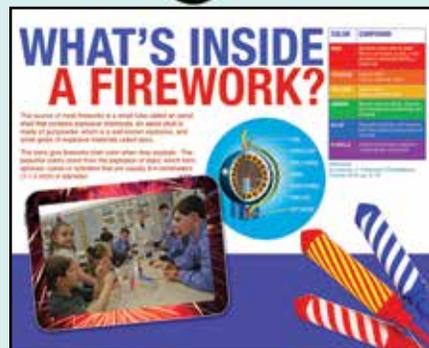
A student gets slimed during an activity with ChemClub members at Ottawa Township High School, Ottawa, Ill.



OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL,
OTTAWA, ILL.

to view a larger version. Get your monthly dose of cool chemistry!

—Erica K. Jacobsen



Take a sneak peek at the July 2014 calendar page about fireworks

Each month's calendar page is matched to an online “**Activity of the Month**” at the ACS ChemClub Web site. Visit each one, and find demos, labs, videos, and more about each topic. Head to www.acs.org/chemclub to get started! Click on the current “Activity of the Month” link on the home page, or “Activities” in the menu bar to view past months' activities.

Want to see the calendar pages for yourself? Visit www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/chemistryclubs/activities/calendar.html to view thumbnails of each calendar page. Click

Four Quarters of Fun

Besides receiving freebies such as the calendar you read about in this article, each quarter of the school year brings an envelope filled with new activities for ChemClubs to try. **During 2013–2014, ChemClubs get packets with themes of Art and chemistry, Chemistry of the Senses, Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, and National Chemistry Week.** Want to get your own? **Start a Chem-Club!** Visit www.acs.org/chemclub to find out more.